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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Monforte et al.

Application No.: 09/139,386

Filed: August 25, 1998

For: Primers Useful for Sizing Nucleic
Acids (As amended herein)

Examiner: J. Tung

Art Unit: 1653

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR
RECONSIDERATION PURSUANT TO 37
C.F.R. § 1.111 & 1.112

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the office action mailed February 25, 2000, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A petition for extension of time, Revocation and substitution of power of attorney, Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) w/copy of assignment, Change of Correspondence address and transmittal forms are each submitted herewith. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE TITLE

Please delete the title on page 1 and substitute --PRIMERS USEFUL FOR SIZING
NUCLEIC ACIDS--

REMARKS

Claims 1-21, directed, e.g., to nucleic acid primers, are pending. Claims 22-87 were withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner as being drawn to a non-elected group. In the Office Action, the specification was objected to because the title of the application is allegedly not descriptive. Claims 1-9, and 11-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Koster (US Patent 5,547,835) in view of Richards (US Patent 5,427,929). In